

U. S. Rubber Preparing to Operate KOW

Representatives of the United States Rubber company have already visited the Kankakee Ordnance Works unit of the Joliet Arsenal to plan for taking over operations of the government plant.

The contract for the operation of the plant by U. S. Rubber is now being drawn up, it was learned yesterday. The contract is expected to be signed early this week in Washington, D. C.

PARTIAL reactivation of the KOW for production of ammunition was begun by the government in September. It is expected that about 500 persons will be employed during the initial stages.

The DuPont company built the original TNT production lines at the plant but United States Rubber operated the plant from 1942 to its closing date late in 1945, when production of ammunition was discontinued.

Then a fertilizer production program began late in 1946, with the duPont company in charge, and continued 3½ years until last September.